State Consumer Redressal Fora

256. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of consumer cases pending with various State Redressal fora and the apex Court as on date together with their break-up State-wise;

(o) what is the average time taken for the disposal of a case in these fora;

(c) what are the reasons for the delay in disposal of such cases; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to expedite their disposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) In the National Commission, 375 complaints, 919 appeals and 355 revision petitions were pending as on 1-11-1993. A statement containing the state wise pendency of cases in the State Commissions and District Forums is given in the annexure. [*See* Appendix CLXIX, Annexure No. 2].

(b) Such information is not compiled by the Government. However, the average time taken in deciding a case varies from court to court.

(c) Inadequacy of staff and infrastructure, financial constraints and increasing number of cases which are being filed in the consumer courts are some of the reasons for delay in their disposal.

(d) The Consumer Protection Act, 1986 has been amended in 1993 to empower the State Governments/UT Administrations to set up more than one District Forum wherever considered necessary depending upon the workload. The decision to set up additional District Forum rests exclusively with the State Governments.

Scrapping of high income earning people from the purview of Public Distribution System

257. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to scrap high income earning people from the purview of Public Distribution System in view of the liberalization of economy; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) The Committee of State Ministers set up by Central Government to evolve a National Policy on PDS has recommended the exclusion of certain categories of population from the purview of the PDS. The report of the Committee was discussed at the meeting of the PDS Advisory Council on 22-9-1993. As some States made recommendations either in favour of continuing the universal character of PDS or modifying the recommendations of the Committee of Ministers the report would require further consultations with States.

Profits earned by Super Bazar

258. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of profit earned from sales by the Super Bazar in New Delhi, year-wise month-wise of each Branch in last three years;

(b) if so, what are the details of month-wise, item-wise net-sales in each Branch in respective years as on date till 30th June, 1993;

(c) what are the details of items purchased by the Super Bazar from the various suppliers in the last three years;

(d) what are the details of suppliers to the super bazar for each item;

(e) what are the criteria for registration of supplier with the super bazar;

(f) what is the number of applications so far received by the super bazar for registration as official suppliers;

(g) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(h) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (c) The details of profit earned by Super Bazar during last five years are as under:—

		Rs. in lakhs
1.	1987-89 (21 months)	93.97
2.	1989-90	53.38
3.	1990-91	21.84
4.	1991-92	9.33
5.	1992-93	10.83

Super Bazar has reported that the accounting procedure adopted by the Store does not facilitate accounting of branch wise profitability, item wise net sale and year wise and item wise purchase made from the various suppliers.

(d) List of different supppliers registered with Super Bazar for supplying different items numbering 704 is given as Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLXIX, Annexure No. 3].

(e) Super Bazar has reported that only those suppliers are registered which fall into the category of manufactures, cooperative institutions, Government undertakings, agents, stockists and wholesale dealers.

(f) and (g) Super Bazar has reported that they have received 306 applications so far. A list showing Department wise number of applications received for registration is given in the enclosed statement (*See* below).

(h) Question does not arise.

Statement

Department-wise detail regarding No. of applications for registration in process with super bazar

1.	Medicines and surgical equipments	73
2.	Household	30
3.	Stationery and office equipments	101
4.	Textiles	2
5.	Furniture	7
6.	Cycles	3
7.	Watches	3
8.	T.V.	3
9.	R.M.C.	1
10.	Paint	8
11.	Handloom	7
12.	Footwear	14
13.	Edibles	38
14.	Non-edibles	16
15.	Pulses	Nil
	Total	306

Number of employees working in Super Bazar

259. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of employees working in each category, branch wise in the Super Bazar as on 31st October with their names and dates of their enrolment;

(b) what are the details of pay scale of each category;

(c) what is the promotional scope of employees in service in the super bazar;